

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Washington 25, D. C.

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Honorable Elmer B. Staats
Assistant Director, Legislative Reference
Executive Office of the President
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Staats:

The Commission has your letter of March 5, 1948, requesting our views with respect to a draft bill submitted by the Central Intelligence Agency "To provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, established pursuant to Section 102, National Security Act of 1947, and for other purposes."

With the exception of the provisions made in the second proviso clause of section 6(g) and the provisions of section 7(b)(1), the Commission would have no objection to the enactment of the bill in its present form. The sections referred to provide for exemption of the Agency from such portion of section 4, c. 265, of the act of March 4, 1923, as amended, 5 U.S.C.A. 664, which authorizes the Civil Service Commission to review and revise the allocation of positions in the Agency and which empowers the Civil Service Commission to render final approval upon such allocations (sec. 6(g), second proviso clause); and for the expenditure of such portion of the sums appropriated for the Agency as the Director may authorize, with the approval of the National Security Council, without regard to the provisions of law and regulations relating to *** the employment of persons in the Government service (sec. 7(b)(1)).

The Commission recognizes that very difficult personnel problems confront a newly established agency such as the Central Intelligence Agency. The Commission recognizes further that from the very nature of the functions that have been entrusted to the Central Intelligence Agency deviations from the normal methods of procedure may be necessary for security purposes. The Commission therefore would not object to any necessary exemptions from the laws relating to the employment and compensation of persons in the Government service.

However, the Commission does object to the granting of blanket authority to any agency to make exemptions from the laws relating to Government personnel in the discretion of the agency. For one thing, we feel that the type of position in any agency that would require an exemption can be sufficiently

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